

Resolutions Passed

at the

41st

ANNUAL MEETING OF DELEGATES

of the

Saskatchewan Wheat Pool

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Committee Program

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RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions passed at country meetings of Shareholders, Committee meetings, and District meetings of Delegates held during the year, were referred each month to the Board of Directors and to the Manager of the Division concerned. This enabled members' opinions to be kept constantly before the Board and Management.

Prior to the Delegates' Annual Meeting, the Resolutions Committee met for three days. Resolutions received during the preceding twelve months were reviewed and consolidated for presentation to the Delegates' Annual Meeting.

The following is a list of the resolutions passed at the 41st Annual Meeting of Delegates:

POLICY

1. THAT the following points as contained in the Annual Report of the Board of Directors, be adopted as the policy program for 1966:
 - (a) THAT Canadian Wheat Board legislation be established on a permanent basis, and that its jurisdiction be extended to the marketing of western rye, flax and rapeseed.
 - (b) THAT the Pool reaffirm its support of the principle of world grain marketing by agreement, and recommend that the International Wheat Agreement be renegotiated.
 - (c) THAT the Government of Canada, The Canadian Wheat Board and the grain trade strive, through their policies and services, to retain traditional markets for Canadian wheat, acquire new markets, and promote the use of bread wheats in other areas of the world.
 - (d) THAT the Pool urge government action to maintain and improve the domestic market for prairie-grown feed grains.

(e) THAT the Pool continue to support and use the services of provincial, national and international Co-operative Unions and Federations of Agriculture in an effort to achieve policies considered in the best interest of its members.

(f) THAT the Pool continue its efforts to increase general understanding of co-operative philosophy and practices; and to assist in the development of the co-operative movement in all its phases.

(g) THAT the Pool continue to urge improved trade policies and practices between Canada and other nations.

(h) THAT the Pool continue to press for policies which will improve the farmer's net income position.

(i) THAT the Pool continue efforts, in co-operation with other agencies, to achieve federal legislation which will provide assurance of a rational transportation system serving the needs of western farmers with particular emphasis on the following three points:

1. That the Crow's Nest statutory grain rates remain free of encumbrance or proposed subsidy based on alleged loss for this service;

2. That a new authority be given sufficient powers and jurisdiction to effect railway rationalization;

3. That rate controls be adequate to protect industries or regions where competition between carriers is limited or non-existent.

(j) THAT the Pool continue to urge policies that will protect the producers' interests with respect to tolls on the St. Lawrence Seaway.

(k) THAT the Pool actively support all measures for improvement in quality, production and marketing of livestock and hogs.

- (l) THAT the Pool continue to improve its informational and marketing services for livestock producers.
- (m) THAT the Pool continue to support measures for improved use of agricultural land, including:
1. Ownership and control of agricultural land by bona-fide farmers;
 2. Continued development of land rehabilitation and conservation programs under PFRA and ARDA;
 3. Land redistribution measures to provide farmers with an adequate productive base;
 4. Community participation in developing ARDA programs, including relocation and retraining needs of rural people.
- (n) THAT the Pool continue, as a responsive and responsible farm co-operative, to ensure that the facilities and services of the organization are in tune with the needs of its members.

Farm Size

2. WHEREAS this Annual Meeting of Delegates believes that farm size should be limited, having regard to the productivity of the land involved that will give the operator a reasonable standard of living;

BE IT RESOLVED that we ask the Government of Saskatchewan to make a detailed study under ARDA concerning this question.

License for Farmers to Operate

3. THAT the Research Committee make a feasibility study of the following proposal, and the results of this study be part of the education program of the organization;

WHEREAS all commercial operators are required to obtain a license before they can operate;

BE IT RESOLVED that to protect our industry from commercial and private interests, a committee be elected from farm organizations to be empowered to issue licenses to bona-fide farmers only.

Wheat Prices

4. WHEREAS farmers' costs of production have been increasing at an alarming rate over the past several years, and

WHEREAS the situation has been further aggravated by recent wheat price reductions, thus placing western farmers in a difficult position;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Canada be requested to take immediate and positive action to remedy this situation by subsidizing wheat prices to the extent necessary to prevent Canadian wheat producers from being placed in the position of having to compete with the federal treasuries of other exporting countries, or receiving unfair treatment in the Canadian economy.

5. THAT the Government of Canada guarantee a minimum price for wheat adequate to meet average costs of production and provide a return sufficient to meet living requirements.
6. THAT we press the Government of Canada to institute a forward pricing policy related to the cost of production on specified quantities of wheat.
7. THAT the Government of Canada pay a subsidy on a basic quantity of wheat delivered by a producer in any crop year.
8. THAT a two-price system apply to all cereal grain used for human consumption in Canada.
9. THAT failing the establishment of a satisfactory two-price system to combat the cost price squeeze, the Government of Canada absorb the storage charges on all grain in store on 31st July.

Eggs and Poultry Prices

10. THAT we urge the Government of Canada to establish a floor price for all eggs and poultry products.

Labour Legislation

11. That a federal labour court be instituted.
12. THAT a liaison committee be established, consisting of members from Pools, Farm Unions and Grain Handlers Unions, to discuss problems which arise between these organizations, with a view to preventing further tie-ups.
13. THAT we urge the strongest possible measures be taken by the Pool to impress upon the powers that be the need to remedy the serious bottlenecks hampering our export grain shipments.

Federal Legislation

14. THAT the federal government be asked not to allow work stoppages in future at terminal elevators.

Amalgamation of Pools

15. BE IT RESOLVED that this Annual Meeting of Delegates direct that an approach be made to Manitoba and Alberta Pools with regard to a study of amalgamation or federation.

Rail Line Abandonment

16. THAT a continued effort be exerted by the Pool, in co-operation with all governments, farm organizations and railroads, with regard to rail line abandonment policy.
17. THAT all railways be nationalized.

Assistance Programs

18. THAT the Canadian Government be commended on the gift of wheat to India and that more of the same be encouraged.
19. THAT we publicize and support the plan of the Saskatchewan Farmers Union to give assistance to the drought stricken farmers of Eastern Canada.

ARDA Program

20. WHEREAS farmers are trying to grow grain on sub-marginal land and collecting PFAA four out of five years;

BE IT RESOLVED that a more intensified ARDA program be instituted, thus taking this land out of grain growing.

Retraining Programs for Farmers

21. THAT the Governments be requested to evolve programs for the retraining of those farmers who are forced to leave the farm for economic reasons, and for those too old to retrain some form of assistance be provided.

C.F.A.

22. THAT representatives of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture meet the government more often in connection with our agricultural problems.

23. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool support officially the stand of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in respect to help to young farmers in obtaining credit on farm purchases.

C. W. Gibbings

24. THAT this meeting commend Mr. Chas. W. Gibbings on his annual address to the Annual Meeting of Delegates and recommend that consideration be given to providing a copy of his general remarks to government and farm leaders in Canada and United States.

Transport Controller

25. THAT the Government of Canada be urged to appoint a Transport Controller.

Canadian Wheat Board

26. THAT producers be encouraged to deliver grain as quotas are issued.

27. THAT The Canadian Wheat Board be urged to impress upon the railways the need to provide box cars, in a manner which will be more equitable to producers.

28. THAT in future The Canadian Wheat Board require all elevator companies to issue shipping orders in duplicate, duplicate to be filed directly by elevator head office with railway agent and and this to be the only official authority for railway agents to allocate box cars.
29. THAT an over-delivery quota be provided for purchase of certified and foundation rapeseed.
30. THAT the high handling agent at a point be the key man in reporting to the Wheat Board and requesting quotas.

Churchill

31. THAT increased use be made of the Port of Churchill.
32. THAT the action of the C.N.R. in making freight rates from the Port of Churchill competitive with rates from other ports be approved.

Board of Grain Commissioners

33. THAT we again investigate the possibility of having the handling charges raised.
34. THAT the Pool urge the Board of Grain Commissioners to study the present system of grading with the idea of eliminating the off-grades, particularly the rejected, sprouted, and other grades that eventually wind up as feed.
35. THAT the Pool urge the Board of Grain Commissioners to continue to investigate a new method of moisture evaluation, the grain to be discounted by graduation in accordance with the increase in moisture content.
36. THAT we request that the regulations be amended to require that all seed treatment chemicals that are applied to cereal and vegetable seeds be of such a colour that they are distinguishable from any natural colouring that may occur in these seeds.
37. THAT the metric system be instituted in the grain trade in North America.

Federal Legislation

38. THAT the federal government be urged to pass a Federal Co-operative Act at the next session of Parliament.
39. THAT unemployment insurance be made available to farm labour.
40. THAT we oppose the raising of the tolls on the St. Lawrence Seaway and Welland Canal.
41. THAT income tax exemptions be raised to \$2,000 for single persons and to \$4,000 for married people, also larger exemptions for children.
42. THAT the provisions of the Canada Labor Standards Code concerning hours of work in country elevator operations be opposed.
43. THAT provision be made for the Peoples' Republic of China to be admitted to the United Nations and diplomatic relations be established.
44. THAT the federal government be requested to institute a form of price control on farm machinery.

Provincial Legislation

45. THAT the provincial government be urged to provide soil testing facilities to ensure proper use of fertilizers.
46. THAT we endorse the action taken by the Board in making the presentation to the provincial government in respect to relieving our agents of the burden of collecting municipal tax arrears.
47. THAT the provincial government reinstate an agricultural machinery testing program and that it be expanded.
48. THAT the Saskatchewan Government pay a more satisfactory settlement for damage to farm property while building highways and power lines.
49. THAT the Department of Agriculture exercise strict soil conservation measures in the improvement of sub-marginal lands in the province.
50. THAT chiropractic and physiotherapy treatments be included under the Saskatchewan Medical Care Insurance Act.

51. THAT we oppose the opening of non-government outlets for liquor in Saskatchewan.
52. THAT the Saskatchewan Government reinstate the restrictions on public service advertising by brewing companies.
53. THAT as there are thousands of bushels of grain destroyed every year by wild life and as we have little or no control over them, and as many of these are protected, the provincial government be urged to provide compensation to cover all losses.
54. THAT the Pool advise the Department of Indian Affairs of the need for providing training for farm help, particularly in driving vehicles and the handling and maintenance of farm machinery.

Provincial Legislation

55. THAT we urge the provincial government to permit trucks with a farm license to haul material for compensation for municipalities.
56. WHEREAS Section 214 of the Saskatchewan Insurance Act in effect provides that an injured person (or persons) obtaining a judgment (or judgments) in a total in excess of \$35,000 as a result of an automobile accident against the driver has no claim against the driver's insurance company for any amount in excess of \$35,000 (in total) where the driver has been guilty of a breach of statutory condition, such as driving while impaired; and
WHEREAS if the insured driver has not been guilty of a breach of statutory condition, the person or persons, as the case may be, may recover their judgments to the extent of the insurance coverage from the insurance company; and
WHEREAS in a case of a breach of statutory condition an injured party (or parties) is often left with a judgment uncollectable beyond \$35,000;
BE IT RESOLVED that the figure of \$35,000 in Section 214 of the Saskatchewan Insurance Act be changed to \$100,000.

Allocation of Surplus Earnings—Season 1964-65

57. THAT the recommendation of the Board of Directors concerning the allocation of surplus earnings for Season 1964-65, as set out in the Directors' Report, as follows:

Excessive Charges Refund—	
Season 1964-65	\$4,342,500
Provision for Income Tax—	
estimated	570,000
Transfer to Reserve Account—	
estimated	719,261
Total	<u>\$5,631,761</u>

be approved and adopted, and further,

THAT the surplus earnings for the year ended 31st July 1965 allocated to Excess Charges Refund, Season 1964-65 and amounting to \$4,342,500, be distributed on all grains and livestock delivered by members of the Company during the year ended 31st July 1965, on the following bases:

1. Grain:

(a) Patronage dividend at the rate of .6c per bushel, to be used for the purchase at face value, of Elevator and Commercial Reserve Deductions of the Company, from members in eligible categories as previously determined by the Board of Directors, such Deductions to be credited to the persons entitled to the patronage dividend, provided that those members entitled to such dividend, whose Elevator and Commercial Reserve Deductions have heretofore been purchased by the Company, shall be paid their share of such amount in cash, estimated \$1,194,000

(b) Patronage dividend at the rate of 1.5c per bushel, to be retained as a special loan from the shareholders of the Company for construction of a terminal at the West Coast, in accordance with the Articles of Association, provided that those members entitled to such dividend, whose Elevator and Commercial Reserve Deductions have heretofore been purchased by the Company shall be paid their share of such amount in cash, estimated 2,985,000

2. Livestock:

Patronage dividend at the rate per head for cattle 38c; calves 19c; hogs 9c; and sheep and lambs 10c; to be retained as a loan from the shareholders of the Company, in accordance with the Articles of Association, provided that those members entitled to such dividend, whose Elevator and Commercial Reserve Deductions have heretofore been purchased by the Company, shall be paid their share of such amount in cash, estimated \$ 163,500

Total \$4,342,500

58. THAT when the retained livestock patronage dividend has accumulated to the sum of \$5.00 or over, the full amount of the dividend be paid out in cash.
59. THAT members in categories eligible for repayment of equities be paid their dividends retained as a special loan for the construction of the terminal at Vancouver.
60. THAT member equity statements be sent to members as soon as possible after the Annual Meeting of Delegates.

Amendments to Memorandum of Association

61. THAT this Annual Meeting of Delegates approve in principle the proposal that the Board of Directors seek amendments to the Memorandum of Association of the Company at the next sitting of the Legislature to effect the following:
 1. Increasing the authorized capital of the Company to \$35,000,000 and permitting the Company to increase its authorized capital as required from time to time by special resolution;
 2. To permit the Company to change elevator deductions, commercial reserves and patronage dividends presently in the names of shareholders into share capital;
 3. To permit the Company to continue to make cash patronage dividends and permit it to continue to make patronage dividend loans or both;

4. To permit the company to change future patronage dividend loans into share capital;
 5. To permit the Company to put into reserve equities of members whose addresses are unknown, subject to the right of such member to reclaim his equity within ten years of its being put reserve;
 6. To permit the Company to redeem shares and use priorities in the redemption of shares and repayment of patronage dividend loans, elevator deductions and commercial reserves;
 7. To permit shareholders to hold unlimited number of shares but to restrict the same to one vote regardless of shares held;
 8. To restrict the dividends payable on shares to not more than 5c per share per year or in lieu thereof interest at a rate not exceeding 5% per annum;
 9. To remove the necessity for issuing share certificates but require in lieu thereof an annual statement of each member's equity to be forwarded to the member at his last known address;
 10. To provide that the assets, in the event of the Company being liquidated or wound up, after payment of all debts, claims, and patronage dividends, be distributed among the shareholders in proportion to the number of shares held at the time of winding up;
 11. To provide for prima facie proof of payment of equities after seven years from entry of same to shareholder in books of Company.
62. THAT paragraph 4a. of the Articles of the Association of the Company, which paragraph reads as follows:
- "No person, firm or corporation shall in his or its own absolute right hold more than one share in the capital stock of the Company at any time."
- be deleted.

63. THAT in a further attempt to establish whereabouts of members in the "address unknown" category, we recommend that lists with names be posted in the Pool elevator at the last known address.

Country Elevator Division:

64. THAT in carrying out the elevator consolidation program, consideration continue to be given to the members at small shipping points.
65. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool make greater effort to ensure more adequate dispatching and distribution of box cars.
66. THAT the feasibility of using electronic moisture grain testers be investigated.
67. THAT an improved type of cleaner facilities be installed in country elevators.
68. THAT a housing program be established for travellers and fieldmen on a self-sustaining basis.
69. THAT the Pool logo be used when repainting our country elevators.
70. THAT the installation of car movers be stepped up.
71. WHEREAS Head Office is on central standard time and the elevators in the western part of the province are on mountain standard time, and the head office closes at 4:00 p.m., which is 3:00 p.m. mountain standard time, which means there is no means of communication between our agents and head office for one-quarter of a day;
BE IT RESOLVED that facilities be arranged to accommodate these agents.

Terminal Elevator Division:

72. THAT the new West Coast terminal be automated, consistent with the most economical operation.
73. THAT the possibility be investigated of continuing the lease on the Government Terminal at Vancouver after the completion of our own terminal.

74. WHEREAS a lot of grain cars are underweight at terminal unload, due to improper cleaning on account of false walls;

BE IT RESOLVED that supervisors be instructed to spot check box cars at time of unloading.

COUNTRY ELEVATOR DIVISION:

Farm Service Dept.

75. That the feasibility of having smut tests carried out by the plant products division at Saskatoon be investigated.
76. THAT closer co-operation be maintained between the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool and co-operative associations in the handling of farm supplies and use of warehouses.
77. THAT farm supplies be sold at the lowest possible uniform price and that this price be maintained throughout the year.
78. THAT province-wide one-day schools with qualified instructors, planned on a district basis, be arranged for the farm membership on subjects pertaining to fertilizer, soil analysis, chemicals, disease and insect control, as well as other services now available through the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool.
79. THAT stricter inspections of registered seed be requested.
80. THAT a research study be undertaken on seed cleaning needs to service the total agricultural seed requirements of the province.
81. THAT the Farm Service Department sell one make of spraying equipment and this equipment be built by Canadian Co-operative Implements Limited.
82. THAT Saskatchewan Wheat Pool contracts be arranged with members for seed supplies, and members be allowed to supply seed directly to buyers rather than to warehouses for distribution.
83. THAT consideration be given to having fertilizer delivered direct to the farmer.

84. THAT the Farm Service Department make more fertilizer spreaders available for rent where enough fertilizer and forage seed is sold to warrant same.
85. THAT the Farm Service Department provide better service, i.e.—(1) inform members as to the pricing of forage seed; (2) appoints agents to handle bags; (3) supply suitable bags; (4) forward final payments with no delay; (5) supply information on growing forage crops.
86. THAT more storage sheds for farm supplies be constructed and that local contractors be engaged for construction of these sheds when necessary.
87. THAT when the Seed Department places pedigreed seed contracts with seed growers, first consideration should be given to active patron shareholders.

Interprovincial Co-ops. Ltd.

88. WHEREAS the herbicides offered by Interprovincial Co-operatives are higher priced than that offered by some companies;
BE IT RESOLVED that Interprovincial Co-operatives Limited be requested to review its operations so as to offer competitive prices on herbicides.
89. THAT Interprovincial Co-operatives Limited investigate the excess foaming qualities of 2-4-D produced in the Co-op. chemical complex at Saskatoon.

Western Co-operative Fertilizers Limited

90. WHEREAS preliminary market studies indicate the probable need for early expansion of the nitrogen production facilities at Western Co-operative Fertilizers Limited; and
WHEREAS a major reduction in the unit-cost of production may be achieved if expansion proves feasible; and
WHEREAS consultations now underway with co-operative fertilizer manufacturers in United States may result

in a favorable basis for joint action in the expansion of fertilizer manufacturing facilities;

BE IT RESOLVED that this delegate body approve in principle, subject to the approval of the delegates after shareholders' meetings, the expansion of the fertilizer complex at Calgary, provided that in the opinion of the Pool Board of Directors such expansion is in the best interests of the farmer-members of the organization, and that adequate financing and administration of the expansion program are assured.

VEGETABLE OIL DIVISION

91. THAT oilseed plant by-products be made available to Pool members at the mill, at the prevailing plant site price.

LIVESTOCK DIVISION

92. THAT the Pool continue to strive for provincial and national Livestock Marketing Boards.
93. THAT we recommend to the Saskatchewan Swine Council that the standard for Elite hogs be raised.
94. THAT funds be made available by the Pool to the University of Saskatchewan, or an independent agency, for research tests on the shrinkage of hogs.
95. THAT a more thorough brand inspection of cattle be carried out in the whole province.
96. THAT the livestock yard regulations be posted in yard office.
97. THAT the Pool supply more information to its members in regard to the selling and handling of livestock through its facilities.
98. THAT Pool yard auctioneers sell cattle in a manner in which ordinary laymen can understand.
99. WHEREAS there has been some difficulty in obtaining staff with the potential for promotion in the Livestock Division;

- BE IT RESOLVED that the Division be authorized to establish a starting position at a grade level high enough to attract the calibre of men required.
100. THAT the news bulletin as prepared by the Livestock Extension Specialist be carried in The Western Producer.
101. THAT all Credit Union cheques be cleared through the Credit Society.

PRINTING AND PUBLISHING DIVISION

102. THAT every effort be made to reduce the amount of subsidization of Modern Press.
103. THAT the advisability be investigated of providing accident insurance or life insurance, or a combination of both, that would be available to members based on their equity and involving principles now used by Credit Unions.
104. THAT the salesmen for The Western Producer accident insurance be well informed so as to be able to give full and correct information to prospective purchasers.
105. THAT Wheat Pool committees be given more information on Western Producer insurance.
106. THAT one page in The Western Producer be devoted to Pool Notes and other items of general interest to farmers such as is being published in the "Alberta Pool Budget".
107. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool library service be given more publicity in The Western Producer.

COUNTRY ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT

108. THAT rural municipal boundaries may be discarded in adjusting sub-district and district boundaries where requested.
109. THAT Delegates' Bulletins and information sheets be side punched and loose leaf binders large enough for long sheets be supplied to delegates.

110. THAT fieldmen should, if possible, attend at least one meeting a year with each committee, to get views from shareholders and to pass on information.
111. THAT length of service as committee member and delegate combined, be computed as a basis for qualification for long-service pins.
112. WHEREAS producers generally may not be familiar with our complex grain movement system regarding quotas, box cars and available space;
BE IT RESOLVED that a committee program be prepared outlining the importance of orderly deliveries of grain to ensure a uniform flow throughout the whole delivery system.

DELEGATES AND DIRECTORS

113. THAT a planned training program be organized for all delegates and directors in the organization.
114. THAT an increase in sustenance allowance be approved for directors and delegates while on company business, as follows:
- (a) Within Saskatchewan, actual out-of-pocket expenses to a maximum of \$12.00 per day;
 - (b) Outside Saskatchewan, actual out-of-pocket expenses, with hotel bills to be submitted; and further
- THAT such allowance be retroactive to Thursday 28th October 1965.

ANNUAL MEETING OF DELEGATES

115. THAT at future Annual Meetings of Delegates necessary advances be applied for as needed, by delegates, and that completed expense accounts be submitted after adjournment of the Annual Meeting and the balance of remuneration be forwarded by mail.
116. WHEREAS the Seed Research Division of the Canada Department of Agriculture is now situated at the Experimental Farm near Regina; and

WHEREAS seed research is of primary interest to the agricultural producers of the province;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors invite someone from the Seed Research Division to address the next Annual Meeting of Delegates.

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

117. THAT a grant of \$10,000 be made to the Extension Department of the University of Saskatchewan.

"MARCH ON OTTAWA" FUND

118. THAT the "March to Ottawa" fund be donated to the 4-H Foundation.

C.C.I.L

119. THAT the growth and development of Canadian Co-operative Implements Limited be promoted in every way possible.

ADV. BILLBOARDS

120. THAT we do not approve the granting of permission to other than co-operatives to erect advertising billboards on Pool property.

MANAGEMENT

121. THAT we support the efforts made by the Board in continued study of the Pool management structure.
122. THAT Pool officials, when needing replacements for higher staff, consider employees first.

S.M.V. SAFETY SIGNS

123. THAT new safety sign emblems for slow-moving vehicles be painted reflective on both sides.